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SUBJECT: CALL AT NOVOSTI

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1. EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE AND ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER RECENTLY CALLED ON DEPUTY CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT PAVEL GEVORKYAN AND HEAD OF US DEPARTMENT NATALYA YAKOVLEVA AT NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY.
2. NOVOSTI OFFICIALS ASKED IF EMBASSY SATISFIED WITH CONTRACTED PHOTO COVERAGE OF CODEL ALBERT VISIT. SAID THEY WELCOMED EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY AND WILLING OFFER ALL POSSIBLE SERVICES TO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, BOTH VISITING AND RESIDENT.
3. EMBOFFS INQUIRED ABOUT NOVOSTI FILM CREW WHICH RECENTLY RETURNED FROM US. GEVORKYAN AND YAKOVLEVA SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF TRIP, BUT TV A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT AT NOVOSTI WHICH MAINLY PRODUCES FILMS FOR FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION. THEY NOT AWARE OF STATUS OF FILM ON US TRIP.
4. IN SUBSEQUENT CALL ON NOVOSTI TV DEPARTMENT, PRESS ATTACHE AND INFORMATION ASSISTANT MET WITH ANATOLY

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BOGOMOLOV, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, ANATOLY UGLOV,

DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AND ALEKSANDR BARKOV, CONSULTING EDITOR. ASKED ABOUT THE NOVOSTI CREW IN THE US, BOGOMOLOV REPLIED THAT THIS HAD BEEN A PROJECT CONTRACTED BY THE STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE NOVOSTI OFFICIALS PROCEEDED NOT TO KNOW WHAT THE COMMITTEE PLANNED TO DO WITH THE FILM. UGLOV COMPLAINED THAT THE CREW HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FILM EVERYTHING THEY HAD WANTED IN THE US, BUT HE QUICKLY ADDED THAT THE STATE COMMITTEE HAD MADE MANY OF THE REQUESTS AT THE LAST MINUTE. HE COMPLAINED EVEN MORE LOUDLY ABOUT THE "INTERFERENCE" OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FILMING. BOGOMOLOV SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE THE FILM BY OCTOBER 1, THEY WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW DR. STEVER AND OTHER US SCIENTISTS WHO MIGHT BE COMING TO THE USSR ACADEMY CELEBRATIONS. BOGOMOLOV SAID THAT EVEN IF THEY COULD NOT USE THE STEVER, ET AL. INTERVIEWS IN THE FILM FOR THE STATE COMMITTEE, NOVOSTI COULD USE THE FOOTAGE FOR DOCUMENTARY AND NEWS COVERAGE. (NOTE: EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM TV, RADIO AND PRESS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH US VIPS ATTENDING ACADEMY CELEBRATIONS, AS WELL AS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ACCOMPANYING OTHER DELEGATIONS.)

5. BASED ON CONVERSATION REPORTED MOSCOW 12112 WITH STATE COMMITTEE ON RADIO AND TV, EMBOFF INQUIRED ABOUT CBS-TV PROJECT. BOGOMOLOV REPLIED THAT THEY KNEW LITTLE IN DETAIL ABOUT PROJECT AND WERE AWAITING A PROPOSED VISIT BY CBS TEAM WHOSE DATE HAD NOT BEEN SET. NOVOSTI REPEATED WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST.

6. COMMENT: NOVOSTI TV DEPARTMENT SEVERAL TIMES ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR AWARENESS THAT PAST SERVICES TO US CONTRACTORS HAD NOT BEEN CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY. THEY SAID US REPORTERS SHOULD REALIZE THAT FREQUENTLY DENIALS TO FILM CERTAIN SUBJECT ARE HANDED DOWN "FROM ABOVE". EMBOFFS REMINDED NOVOSTI OFFICIALS THAT US NEWSMEN ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO RECEIVING ORDERS "FROM ABOVE." NEVERTHELESS, NOVOSTI TV TRIED TO CONVEY A "SPRIT OF DETENTE" AND PROMISED RENEWED EFFORTS AT SERVICE TO US ORGANIZATIONS. THEY REQUESTED COPIES OF THE LATEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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P&C FILM CATALOGUE AND ASKED FOR FILMS ON TV TECHNIQUES, EVEN AGREEING TO COME TO EMBASSY TO VIEW VTRS ON PERTINENT TOPICS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE PERTINENT VTRS OR 16MM FILMS ON TECHNIQUES OF TV FILMING AVAILABLE FROM AGENCY.  
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